

California Department of Health Services

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS GRANT ABSTRACT

<i>Grant Period:</i>	January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011
<i>Federal Funds:</i>	\$130,387,500 over the five-year grant period
<i>Oversight Agency:</i>	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
<i>Authority:</i>	Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005—Money Follows the Person Demonstration (P.L. 109-171)

The California Community Transitions demonstration will bring together the state's resources to support persons who have resided in a health care institution for longer than six months as they transition back to community living. Through this focus on transitions, the state will move toward rebalancing Medi-Cal spending in favor of home and community-based, long term services and supports.

During the demonstration, local entities will design transition models appropriate for addressing their community's long-term care network. Local entities will establish and manage Community Transition Teams (CTTs). The state will invite and review competitive applications for local participation. The state will conduct strategic planning during the pre-implementation phase, which will be followed by the phase-in of the local CTTs and participant enrollment during the remainder of the demonstration. As the single state Medicaid agency, the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) will act as the overall coordinator for policy and operational issues related to the demonstration and will work with various stakeholders including state departments, community-based organizations, institutional providers, advocates, and consumer groups.

The California Community Transitions demonstration expects to enroll 2,000 persons from up to 10 regions in the state. Through successfully supporting individuals as they transition back to community living, the state has the opportunity to earn a higher percentage of federal dollars over the five-year demonstration period. Questions about the demonstration should be forwarded to Paula Acosta (email pacosta@dhs.ca.gov) at the California Department of Health Services, Office of Long Term Care (916) 440-7535.